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## FORMATION OF COMMITTEES OF HOUSE

Many Surprises, Pleasant and Otherwise in Speaker Cannon's List.

## SPEAKER CAREFUL

To See that Republican Legislation Will Be Safe.

SLIGHT CONCESSIONS MADE TO DEMOCRATS IN APPOINTMENTS TO THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEES, BUT SUBSTANTIALLY NO CHANGES MADE IN THE VARIOUS CHAIRMANSHIPS.

Special to The Journal.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Many surprises, pleasant and otherwise, were contained in the list of committees as announced by Speaker Cannon. The unusual number of Republicans and the small number of Democrats in the house made the formation of the committees a task of considerable magnitude. Mr. Cannon was anxious to please all of his colleagues, old and new, while Mr. Williams was equally anxious to please the members of the minority, but for a while it looked as though the two would clash, as Mr. Williams declined to agree that the Democratic representation on the committees should be reduced, while Speaker Cannon was equally insistent that the Republicans should have a larger representation. Of course, whatever Mr. Cannon would say in such a case would go, but as he recognizes that some day he may be in Mr. Williams' place and vice versa he wished to be as courteous as possible to the Democratic floor leader. In fact Mr. Williams declined to relieve Mr. Cannon of the burden of making up the Democratic list unless they were given the same representation as in the last house. A compromise was therefore effected under which Mr. Cannon increased the Republican membership on certain committees, which placed at his disposal a number of good places, and also increased the Republican majority in these committees. For instance, on the committee on Ways and Means where the question of tariff revision will sooner or later come up, Mr. Cannon added one Republican, making twelve Republicans and only six Democrats.

Cannon is Careful.  
Mr. Cannon was taking care that whatever legislation desired by the house leaders would be favorably acted upon in the Ways and Means Committee. To this end he placed Mr. McHenry of Minnesota high up on the list, immediately after the old-timers, Payne, Dalsell, and Grosvenor. Mr. McHenry is as strong a protectionist as it is not stronger, than any of the three mentioned. Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, whose place Mr. McHenry took on the Ways and Means committee, is transferred to the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations. Aside from the dignity thus conferred on Mr. Tawney, his appointment to this position means a great deal for it is generally recognized that the chairman of the committee on appropriations will be Speaker Cannon's representative on the floor and virtually, although not parliamentarily, the floor leader of the Republicans. Speaker Cannon was chairman of the appropriations committee when elected to the speakership and he has a very high regard for the importance and dignity of this committee. Mr. Tawney is one of the young men of the house and a keen, forceful, active man. He has never seen service on this committee, but will have no trouble in learning the ropes. He gives up the chairmanship of the committee on industrial arts and expositions, which was created some years ago to handle the St. Louis World's Fair, and which goes to Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts. Senator Lodge's son-in-law, Mr. McHenry retains his chairmanship of the committee on library.

Other Changes.  
William Allen Smith, of Michigan, was the added Republican member on the ways and means committee. Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, the Democratic whip, replaced Representative Swanson, of Virginia, recently elected governor of that state, and the place formerly held by Cooper, of Texas, who was not returned, was given to Representative Grainger, of Rhode Island. Otherwise this committee remained the same as in the last congress. J. Warren Keifer, who was a number of years ago speaker of the house,

## REFUGEES FROM CITIES OF RUSSIA REACH BOSTON

## ALARMING NEWS FROM BALTC PROVINCES

Thousands of Peasants Roaming Country About Riga, Burning Houses and Threaten the City.

By Associated Press.  
St. Petersburg, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—The governments' advances today from the Baltic provinces, forwarded part of the way by courier, are most alarming. Thousands of Lettish peasants are roaming the country about Riga, burning houses on all the estates and threatening the town of Riga. The revolt is spreading to all parts of Courland. All railway communication with Riga is cut off. According to the government advices all sailors from commercial steamers in the harbor joined the strikers. The government claims the troops there are loyal, though inadequate. The situation at Mitau is also bad, where the troops fired on the rioters on Monday.

## MAILS ARRIVED FAR BEHIND TIME

Caused by a Wreck at Chapman Yesterday Morning on the M. & M. Division.

All mails and passengers from the north were late in reaching Pensacola yesterday morning and last night, as the result of a wreck which occurred on the M. & M. division of the P. & N. at an early hour yesterday morning. The wreck occurred about fifty miles south of Montgomery at 1 o'clock, when a number of freight cars left the track.

The mail which was due to reach Pensacola yesterday morning did not arrive here until last night, and the mail due at 4 o'clock reached here on the Mobile train after 9 o'clock, the latter train being held at Flomont to make connection. All trains were sent around by way of Selma to reach here. The Montgomery Advertiser of yesterday morning in speaking of the wreck said: "The wreck of a freight train at Chapman, fifty miles south of Montgomery, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at 1 o'clock this morning promises to cause considerable delay to trains running between Montgomery and Mobile."

"Details of the wreck at this hour are meagre. Northbound freight train No. 14 is said to have plunged through a trestle in front of the saw mill at Chapman, which is between Bolling and Georgiana. No one was hurt, but it seems that a number of freight cars were piled upon each other and that a mass of debris was left on the tracks."

"At an early hour this morning arrangements had been perfected for all passenger trains of the Louisville and Nashville to run by way of Selma. The fast mail train, No. 97, which left Montgomery shortly after 3 o'clock this morning ran to Mobile by way of Selma. Flomont and Mobile and the northbound train will reach here this morning by way of Selma."

"Two wrecking crews were sent to Chapman from Montgomery and one wrecking crew was ordered there from Mobile."

## FLEMING LEADER OF FLORIDA U. C. V.

Special to The Journal.  
Jacksonville, Dec. 14.—P. Fleming was elected Major General of the Florida Division, United Confederate Veterans at the reunion here today and Gainesville was selected as the place for holding the re-union next year.

## YATES OF ILLINOIS CANDIDATE FOR SENATE

By Associated Press.  
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 14.—Former Governor Richard Yates today announced his candidacy for the United States senate.

Described Scenes at Odessa as General Butchery in Which Officials Participated.

TEN THOUSAND VICTIMS MURDERED DURING WEEK FOLLOWING NOVEMBER 1—RUSSIAN GUNBOATS FIRED UPON THE CITY CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

By Associated Press.  
Boston, Dec. 14.—Forty-three Russian refugees, men, women and children, were brought in from Liverpool by a Cunard steamer today. They came from Riga, Vilna, Kieff, Odessa, and Kovno. All escaped by various methods on account of the disturbances there.

Two men, leaders of the party, described the scenes at Odessa as general butchery in which the police, Cossacks and rabble participated against the Jews and Christians. The fury of the mob was not directed wholly against the Jews, but many of the faithful became victims. The refugees say that ten thousand victims were murdered during the week following November first. In the midst of the disturbances Russian gunboats fired on the city, apparently to intimidate the insurgents. Considerable damage resulted.

## IMPERIAL FAMILY TO STAY AT TSARSKOE-SELO

St. Petersburg, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—It is officially declared that the imperial family does not intend to leave Tsarskoe-Selo Palace in the near future.

## SAILORS IN MUTINY ON A RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.—One hundred Russians on the Russian battleship Czarevitch, in the harbor here, revolted today. Military assistance was asked and fifty mutineers were taken ashore.

## STORM WARNING DISPLAYED HERE

Southeast Storm is Approaching Pensacola, and Warning is Given.

An advisory storm warning message was received yesterday afternoon by Local Observer Reed from the Weather Bureau, instructing him to display southeast storm warnings, as there is now a disturbance over the north central gulf, which is moving eastward. The telegram was as follows: "Southeast storm warning. Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Cedar Key, Dunnellon, Tampa, Punta Gorda, Punta Rassa, Miami, Jupiter, Jacksonville. The disturbance is moving eastward over the north central gulf."

## FAVORS SINGLE STATEHOOD BILL

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Republican members of the house today in caucus unanimously declared in favor of admitting Oklahoma and Indian Territories as one state, and by a vote of 119 to 55 favored admitting Arizona and New Mexico as one state. It was planned to defer action until after the holidays.

## NEGROES VISITED FORT BY HUNDREDS

By Associated Press.  
Beaufort, S. C., Dec. 14.—Negro men applying to inspect Fort Fremont were refused admittance by Lieut. Steger, commanding. Secretary Taft was communicated with and telegraphed Lieut. Steger to admit the negroes. Several hundred accordingly went to the Fort this afternoon.

Fifty Thousand Pilgrims.  
Mexico City, Dec. 14.—The number of pilgrims to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe yesterday is estimated at 50,000. There were no disorders.

## INQUIRY INTO ANNAPOLIS HAZINGS

Thorough Investigation Will Be Made by Congress and Secretary of the Navy.

ACADEMY OFFICIALS WILL MAKE SEARCHING INQUIRY INTO CASE OF MIDSHIPMAN KIMBROUGH, RECENTLY HAZED UNTIL HE FELL IN A FAINT.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The navy department late this afternoon issued a statement that Secretary Bonaparte had received a report from the naval academy of alleged hazing and that he will give the matter due consideration and announce his decision at the earliest possible moment.

## IS DETERMINED TO STAMP OUT CUSTOM

Annapolis, Dec. 14.—A searching investigation into the hazing of Midshipman Kimbrough by Midshipman Coffin, of the third class, until Kimbrough fainted, is being made by the academy authorities. Superintendent Sands said today that he was determined to stamp out the custom which was a disgrace to the academy, and go to the bottom of the practice.

## CONGRESS TAKES A HAND IN ANNAPOLIS HAZING

Washington, Dec. 14.—A resolution providing for a thorough investigation of conditions at the naval academy was introduced into the house today by Representative Loeb, of Michigan. The investigation is to be made to ascertain whether hazing in any form exists at the academy with or without knowledge of the officers.

## RAILROAD WORK IN BALDWIN COUNTY

Will Be Resumed at Once as Result of Decision by U. S. Court Yesterday.

Special to The Journal.  
Mobile, Ala., Dec. 14.—In the United States District Court today the Navy Cove Harbor and Railroad Company sustained its petition for the distribution of the fund awarded by a jury last May for forty-eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00) for one hundred and sixty-two (162) acres of land immediately adjoining the Fort Morgan reservation.

The condemnation proceedings on the part of the government were begun about eighteen (18) months ago against a long list of claimants to the property. Since the beginning of the proceedings the Navy Cove Harbor and Railroad Company has acquired all interest of those claiming title and is today in legal possession of about three thousand (3,000) acres of land adjoining Fort Morgan. This property has been in dispute and claimed under various shades of title by a number of parties and has been in dispute and even litigation for a number of years.

In securing the cash award for the acreage condemned the Navy Cove Harbor and Railroad Company has proven its perfect legal title to the property, and it is now understood that the company will at once take up its construction work on the lower peninsula of Baldwin county, and build terminal and deep water harbor facilities at Navy Cove adequate to meet the great demand which will undoubtedly be required in the growing commerce of Mobile bay, and particularly in connection with the enormous business which will be done at the completion and during the construction of the Panama canal.

This is one of the greatest undertakings in the south, and with the title to its holdings made, perfectly clear the company will experience no difficulty in developing its plans and is assured of all the capital required for the construction and final completion of this vast undertaking.

## SENATE WILL SUPPORT PANAMA CANAL MEASURE

Several Dissatisfied With Conditions and Different Routes Are Advocated

MORGAN SAYS ANOTHER CANAL WILL BE NECESSARY BEFORE PRESENT ONE IS COMPLETED—THE SHIP SUBSIDY BILL WILL BE REPORTED FAVORABLY BY COMMITTEE.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate today spent four hours discussing the Panama Canal emergency appropriation, and at adjournment the bill was still under consideration.

Set speeches were made by Teller, Scott, and Morgan, which were followed by a general debate, in which all phases of the controversy were exploited, including salaries, control of the Panama Railroad and the necessity for general legislation on the canal subject.

Messrs. Teller, Scott and Morgan expressed dissatisfaction with the conditions in Panama, but all indicated a determination to support the supply measures necessary to construct the canal as at present undertaken.

Mr. Teller advocated a sea level canal. Mr. Scott spoke favoring the San Blas route as preferable to all others, and Morgan said that before the canal was completed another canal would be necessary to do the business required.

The separation bill, regulating the issuance of canal bonds and placing them on the same basis as other government bonds, passed without debate.

## COMMITTEE FAVORS SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate committee on commerce today agreed to report favorably the bill known as the "Ship subsidy bill."

## LARGE RECEIPTS FROM LOCAL OFFICE

According to the Report of the Auditor of the Postoffice Department.

The local postoffice, according to report of the auditor of the postoffice department has increased its business in Pensacola to a large extent during the past fiscal year, the net receipts amounting to \$26,335 over the expenses, which makes an excellent showing for the city.

The report of the auditor, which has just been completed and is now on record in the postoffice department at Washington shows that during the fiscal year, ending June 30, the gross receipts amounted to \$42,635. During this period the expenses in conducting the office were \$16,300. This was as follows: Salary of postmaster, \$2,900; special delivery service, \$346; clerk hire, \$8,054; rural free delivery, \$5,000.

## O. M. GORDON RETURNS HOME

FROM JACKSONVILLE, WHERE THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS ARE NOW ASSEMBLED.

O. M. Gordon, the well known naval stores man, and senior member of the firm of Gordon & Brown, returned last night from Jacksonville, where he had been spending a few days on business.

Relative to the Confederate re-union Mr. Gordon stated, when seen by a Journal representative, that it was being well attended, but that he disavows all responsibility for the conduct of General George Reese and Captain Dixon Reed, who, from all accounts, are painting the city in national colors.

Mr. Gordon is of the opinion that all of the Veterans and ladies from Pensacola will return to their homes to-night.

## THE GRAND JURY CONTINUES AT WORK

Visited the County and City Jails Yesterday Afternoon, and Will Soon Adjourn.

The grand jury of the circuit court is expected to adjourn today, as most of the work before that body has about been completed, and a final presentation will probably be made to the court this afternoon.

Yesterday the jury had City Clerk Merritt before it for examination, but for what purpose is not known. He was about the only witness to come examined during the day.

In the afternoon the entire jury proceeded to the county jail, where an inspection of the place was made, and later a visit was paid to the city jail to see that it was conducted properly. The books of most of the county officers were examined, and as there is hardly any other business to come before the jury it is possible that adjournment may be taken today, unless some new matters are brought forward.

The jury on Wednesday returned a true bill against Henry Gibbs, charging him with the murder of a negro named Marshall at the convict camp. This is the man who was arrested yesterday by the sheriff near the camp of Barrineau Bros., and brought here for imprisonment. The prisoner has employed counsel and it is expected he will make a hard fight for his life in the circuit court. The date the case will be tried has not yet been decided upon.

## LADIES OF W. O. W. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Members of Oak Grove Circle Held a Most Interesting Meeting.

The members of Oak Grove Circle, No. 4, Woodmen of the World, held a most interesting meeting yesterday, when officers for the ensuing year were chosen. The newly elected officers are as follows: Guardian—Mrs. Walter Langford. Advisor—Mrs. Tallie Whitmire. Magician—Mrs. Boghich. Clerk—Mrs. Olsen. Banker—Mrs. W. G. Barrow. Outer Sentinel—Mrs. Shears. Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Smith. Attendant—Miss Bessie Williams. Managers—Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Walter Langford, Mrs. John Pfeiffer. Physician—Dr. W. C. Dewberry.

## EMPEROR STANDS BY COUNT WITTE

By Associated Press.  
St. Petersburg, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—According to reports from Tsarskoe-Selo, the Russian camarillo, headed by Count Ignatieff and M. Stechninsky, formed to effect the downfall of Count Witte and create a dictatorship, has failed and the emperor is standing firmly by the premier. Mendikoff, the well known writer, who is in close touch with the court, says the present anarchy and suspense is due to the inaction of the government.

## TWO JURORS SECURED IN BEEF TRUST CASE

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Dec. 14.—The trial of the first of the "Beef Trust" cases resulted in securing two jurors today.

## To Reduce Representation of Many Southern States

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative Bennett, of New York, today introduced a bill to cut down the representation of the southern states on account of the disfranchisement of

## PERSECUTED BY EQUITABLE'S ENEMIES

Former Australian Agent Bids that Certain Statements Be Excluded from Testimony.

## BORROWED MONEY

To Gain Control of the Provident Life Society.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF MUTUAL SAYS THERE ARE 15,000,000 INDUSTRIAL POLICIES IN FORCE—CONGRESS DISCUSSES QUESTION OF INSURANCE LEGISLATION AT LENGTH.

By Associated Press.  
New York, Dec. 14.—During the insurance investigation today, Edward W. Scott, president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, made an earnest appeal to Chairman Armstrong to exclude from the hearing certain statements bearing on his relations with the Equitable Life, of which he was formerly Australian agent.

Scott said he had been pursued for several years by enemies of the Equitable and persecuted by such enemies. In a spirit of revenge, Scott gave the details of borrowing twenty-five thousand dollars to gain control of the Provident.

Haley Flake vice-president of the Metropolitan Life, on the stand gave testimony regarding the lapses of policies showing the cost to the company of such lapses. He said after twenty-five years of operation fifteen million industrial policies were in force in the United States.

## HOUSE DEBATES ON INSURANCE LEGISLATION

Washington, Dec. 14.—A debate on the recommendation in the president's message regarding insurance legislation occupied the house today, without any conclusion being reached. The resolution before the house refers the question to the Ways and Means Committee and in its defense Chairman Payne made the argument that the only way congress could control insurance was through its taxing power. To this many objections were made. Members declared that congress could not afford to take the position that the only way it could control insurance was through taxation; that it must resolutely pursue other methods until an effective way was found. Liberal rules on debate permitted lengthy speeches, which took more of less of local coloring for the evident benefit of various constituencies.

## NEW BATTLESHIP MAKES HIGH SPEED

By Associated Press.  
Boston, Dec. 14.—The battleship Louisiana, during a four hour endurance run today, maintained an average speed of 18.823 knots per hour, considerably exceeding the contract requirement of eighteen knots. The propeller ran at the rate of 127.6 revolutions per minute.

## FOUR DROWNED IN COLLISION

By Associated Press.  
Brownsville, Penn., Dec. 14.—Four persons were drowned in the Monongahela river today as a result of the steamer Rose Hite colliding with the towboat Klein in a heavy fog and sinking in fourteen feet of water. All of the dead are deckhands of the steamer and were drowned while asleep. Fourteen passengers were saved.

Violation of Law.  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—The Attorney-General's Department holds that the proposed organization of a Texas insurance bureau would be in violation of the anti-trust laws.